

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VALIDATING AND RANKING RESOURCES  
FOR GEOGRAPHIC MIRRORING**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Method and apparatus for validating and ranking of resources that may be  
5 switched between a primary system and one or more backup systems at a single  
site. One embodiment provides a method for ensuring accessibility of one or more  
disk units by a system, comprising: configuring a disk pool for the system; validating  
availability of the one or more disk units for the disk pool; verifying that the disk  
units are at the same site as the system, and selecting one or more valid disk units  
10 for the disk pool. The method may further comprise ranking of each disk unit for the  
disk pool and selecting one or more valid disk units for the disk pool according to  
ranking.